

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Child and Family Services Agency



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



*One hundred years from now, it
will not matter what my bank
account was, or what kind of
car I drove. But the world may
be a little better, because I was
important in the life of a child.*

Forest Witcraft
Scholar, Teacher, Scout Master

Dear Prospective Foster or Adoptive Parent:

Thank you so much for your interest in becoming a foster or adoptive parent. It is only with the help of community members like you that the D.C. Child and Family Services Agency can provide temporary safe havens and adoptive homes for the children and young people we serve. Through fostering or adoption, you will play an important role in stopping child abuse and neglect one child and one family at a time.

Our children and teens are wonderful kids who have experienced far too much instability, distress, and disappointment. They need and deserve to laugh, play, learn, have friends—in other words, move safely through all the critical developmental stages on the road to adulthood. By welcoming one or more of these young people into your home, you can provide the acceptance, guidance, and support essential to restoring their trust and hope.

We understand that becoming a foster or adoptive parent is a big decision. Materials in this folder provide basic information about fostering or adopting through CFSA and will answer many of your questions. Then, we look forward to meeting you at an orientation for prospective foster or adoptive parents. Orientation will provide you with much more information free of charge and without obligation.

Again, my sincerest thanks for your willingness to explore fostering or adopting District young people who urgently need your help and support. Please read these materials and then call 202-671-LOVE (5683) to attend an orientation, which is the first step in joining our team.

Sincerely,

Roque R. Gefald, Psy.D.
Interim Director